# LAWRENCE E. OSCAR SENIOR COUNSEL





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# PRIMARY PRACTICES

Business Law

Restructuring, Bankruptcy and Insolvency

Lawrence E. Oscar, former CEO and managing partner of Hahn Loeser & Parks and former Business Enterprises Practice Area Co-Chair, serves as a key advisor to executive management at NYSE and Fortune 1000 companies. He provides counsel for a wide range of situations and issues, including overall strategy, dispute resolution, employee relations, mergers and acquisitions, political developments and pricing strategies, among others.

Ranked as one of the top Bankruptcy/Restructuring lawyers in Ohio, according to *Chambers USA*, Larry's clients praise his "unique ability to see the most important aspects of a case or situation before others," and appreciate that he "truly grasps the economic situation and places business issues at the fore."

Larry's significant knowledge and business acumen has made him a trusted counselor to businesses, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, debtors and trustees in reorganization and insolvency matters; financial institutions, vendors and other creditor or debtor interests in connection with numerous workout, composition and extension arrangements; and acquirers of financially distressed businesses inside and outside of bankruptcy proceedings.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., USAA; The CIT Group

Workout and bankruptcy matters; Represent these institutions in asset-based loan transactions; Acquisitions of financially troubled businesses.

A&P Technology, Inc. (high tech provider of braided textiles)

Represent 7th generation family business; General corporate advice; Intellectual property rights protection.

Ferragamo USA, Inc. (luxury goods manufacturer and distributor)

Store and distribution issues; Real estate development issues.

Hugo Boss USA, Inc. (international manufacturer and vendor of high fashion apparel)

Supplier, customer, and employment disputes and litigation; Trade name and trademark matters; Real estate matters; Labor and employment issues; Distribution and antitrust issues.

Durrel Corp. ("mini-conglomerate" of metal processors: T&W Forge, Inc. (now sold), Transue & Williams Stamping Co., Inc., and MC Machine.)

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Represent affiliated group of individual businesses serving heavy industry; General corporate and control issues; Labor and employment matters; Customer relations matters; Business acquisitions.

A&W Foods, Inc. (Ohio's largest independent food distributor)

Original acquisitions of assets and business, January 1990; Subsequent acquisitions of substantial new business line and new 300,000 sq. ft. office/distribution terminal facility; Trademark and trade name matters; Supplier, customer, employment and other litigation of all types; Distribution agreements and antitrust issues; Corporate planning; Handled sale of business.

Monarch Steel Company

#### Financing;

Customer and vendor issues.

- In re AmTrust Financial Corporation (Creditors' Committee).
- In re Schwab Industries, Inc. (Debtor).
- Metalworks Worldwide, Inc. (Judicial Dissolution).
- LoPresti & Sons, Inc. (Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors).
- In re WCI, Inc. (Chair of Creditors' Committee & major vendor).
- In re Rouge Steel Inc. (Largest vendor and secured creditor).
- In re Weirton Steel Corporation (Creditors' Committee Co-Chair & major vendor).
- In re Level Propane, Inc. (Largest Equipment Financer).
- In re LTV Steel Company, Inc. (LTV II) (Chair of Creditors' Committee).
- In re Phar-Mor Stores, Inc. (Special Counsel Reorganized Debtor).
- In re Barneys New York (Counsel to Committee Member with Respect to Claim Sale).
- In re The LTV Corporation and LTV Steel Company, Inc. (LTV I) (Indenture Trustee).
- In re Federated Stores, Inc. (Creditors' Committee).
- In re White Motor Corporation (Creditors' Committee and Disposition Assets Trustee).
- In re Simetco, Inc. (Debtor).
- In re Sharon Steel Corporation (Major Unsecured Creditor).
- In re Hauserman, Inc. (Chair of Creditors' Committee).
- In re Revco D.S., Inc. (Indenture Trustee).
- In re Action Auto Rental, Inc. (Creditors' Committee).
- In re Enduro Stainless, Inc. (Creditors' Committee and Trustee).
- In re Chapter 11, Cardinal Industries, Inc. (Unsecured Creditor).
- In re Howard Industries, Inc. (Debtor).
- In re Unimet, Inc. (Debtor).

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Ohio, 1981
- U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Sixth and Seventh Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Ohio and Southern District of Ohio

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# EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, J.D., 1981
- Comprehensive paper, "Equitable Subordination Under the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978"
- Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, B.S., Economics, *cum laude*, 1978
- Finance Major; Four year varsity letter winner in football

### **AWARDS & HONORS**

- ChambersUSA, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2005-24
- Ohio Super Lawyers®, Bankruptcy: Business, 2004-25
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2005-25; Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2024-25; Cleveland Lawyer of the Year, Bankruptcy Law, 2013
- AV Preeminent®, Martindale-Hubbell
- Notable Nonprofit Board Leaders, Crain's Cleveland Business, 2023
- Cleveland 500, Cleveland Magazine

## **MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

- Greater Cleveland Partnership, Equity & Inclusion, Board Member
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Commercial Financial Services and Business Bankruptcy Committees
- Ohio State Bar Association, Banking, Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Committee
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Member
- Greater Cleveland Partnership, Government Affairs Council

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Cleveland Leadership Center: Board of Directors, Chair, 2015-18; Board of Trustees, 2009-present; Executive Committee
- Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland, Board of Trustees, 2003-2022 (Honorary Trustee thereafter), Board President, 2018-21
- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Leadership & Law Advisory Council
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2013-18; Deans' Visiting Committee
- The Cleveland Orchestra, Advisory Council, Founding Chair, 2014-2021
- Cleveland Museum of Art, Leadership Circle, 2011-2022

### **PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

• Senior Counsel, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2025- present; Partner, 1989-2024; Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner, 2009-17; Past Co-Chair, Creditors' Rights, Reorganization and Bankruptcy Area; Board of Directors, 1999-2017; Associate, 1981-89